

The budget estimate for 1101 repeats the revised estimate figure of Rs. 12,000.

Expenditure.—As compared with the budget estimate for 1100, *viz.*, Rs. 2,63,800, the revised estimate for 1100 is in excess by Rs. 5,900 chiefly on account of the creation of the posts of an additional Civil Surgeon and four Sub-Assistant Surgeons as also of the increased expenditure under 'Dietary charges' as a result of the increase in the number of patients and improvement in diet.

The cost of the X-Ray apparatus coming to nearly Rs. 10,000 is proposed to be met from the provision under 'Cost of Medicines'.

The budget estimate for 1101 is so framed as not to exceed the revised estimate by any large amount in spite of the X-Ray installation. Thus the budget estimate for 1101 amounts to Rs. 2,70,300 as against the revised estimate of Rs. 2,69,700.

The study leave allowance of Rs. 660 is for the Assistant Surgeon Dr. Bhaskara Menon now in England.

Provision is also made for a Sub-Assistant Surgeon for the Leper Asylum, there being now no full-time officer for the post. With the change of the Asylum from its present site it may become necessary to have a full-time officer and hence the provision.

Vaccination.

Expenditure.—The revised estimate for 1100 and the budget estimate for 1101 are fixed at Rs. 8,800 and Rs. 8,900 respectively.

Sanitation and Conservancy.

Expenditure.—The revised estimate exceeds the budget estimate of Rs. 1,11,200 by Rs. 3,100 mainly on account of the additional sums sanctioned in the course of the year for sanitary improvements in the Ernakulam Town, etc.

The budget estimate for 1101 of Rs. 73,500 falls short of the revised estimate by Rs. 40,800 and the decrease has been brought about mainly by the reduced provisions made for the 'State General Sanitation works' and the 'Contribution to the Municipal Councils.' Government

have been, in previous years, making liberal grants for works of sanitation in the Municipalities of Ernakulam, Mattancheri, Trichur and Chittur in aid of town improvement and they consider that it is time for the Municipalities to try to stand on their own legs. The scope of town improvement works of Kunnankulam and Trippunittura has also been restricted in the coming year. Thus, as against the revised estimate of Rs. 55,350 for 1100 a provision of Rs. 19,100 only has been made for the several Town Improvement works in the coming year.

The provision of Rs. 20,943—the Government contribution to the Municipal Funds—is distributed as follows:—

Trichur Municipal Council	Rs. 6,002
Ernakulam Municipal Council	Rs. 7,141
Chittur Municipal Council	Rs. 7,800

Rural Sanitation.—Apart from the establishment charges and the usual contingent expenses, the two noticeable items provided for under this head are (1) the provision of Rs. 10,000 for improvements to water supply and (2) the provision of Rs. 3,000 for the Pulaya Colony. The former provision is for the construction, etc., of tanks and wells in rural areas and the latter is intended for being utilised in the settlements of the depressed classes in the State.

The scope of sanitation by the State Sanitary Department has considerably declined since its last reorganisation in 1088. The old Sanitary Boards have been replaced by Municipalities independent of the Sanitary Department who make their own arrangements for sanitation. The activities of the Sanitary Department have been further limited by the steady growth of the Panchayats during the last decade. Having regard to these and in view of the large contributions Government are annually making to the numerous Panchayats for works of sanitation in rural areas, the time has now come for considerably reducing the Sanitary Establishment and its activities. The question is under consideration.

Pension and Gratuity.

Expenditure.—The revised estimate of 1100 is fixed at Rs. 1,37,000 according to actual requirements